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16                   **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
17                   **EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
18                   **Fresno Division**

19 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

20                   Plaintiff,

21                   v.

22                   331.46 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR  
23                   LESS, SITUATED IN MADERA  
24                   COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA;  
25                   AND JOSEPH DEPAOLI, SUCCESSOR  
TRUSTEE OF THE JAMES W. LOPES  
LIVING TRUST DATED APRIL 24,  
2019, ET AL.,

26                   Defendants.

27                   **Case No. 1:23-cv-735-KES-BAM**

28                   **Order re United States' Unopposed Motion for a  
Stay in Light of Lapse of Appropriations**

1       Upon consideration of the United States' Unopposed Motion for a Stay in Light of Lapse  
2 of Appropriations, and good cause being established, the Motion is GRANTED. This case is  
3 hereby stayed until a date to be determined after Congress has appropriated funds for the  
4 Department of Justice. Defendant Joseph Depaoli, successor trustee of the James W. Lopes 2019  
5 Living Trust Dated April 24, 2019, and defendants Christopher Cardella, Michelle Cardella, and  
6 Steven Cardella may file a stipulation for the withdrawal of the deposit of the United States' good  
7 faith estimate of just compensation during this stay.

8       Counsel for the United States is hereby ORDERED to promptly notify the Court after  
9 Congress has appropriated funds for the Department of Justice.

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11 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Dated: October 21, 2025

  
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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